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Anaheim Public Library

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FCC, Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street SW Washington DC 20554

Subject: Amendment to the May 20, 2009 Letter of Appeal/Request for Review

Applicant Name/Billed Entity Name: Anaheim Public Library

Billed Entity Number: 143737

FCC Registration Number: 0013407721 FCC Case Number: CIMS00002187036

471 Application Number: 520930 Funding Request Number: 1434000

CC Docket No: 02-6

Notification of Commitment Adjustment Letter: February 11, 2009

Dear Secretary of the FCC,

The enclosed is an Amendment to the Request for Review /Letter of Appeal submitted to the FCC on May 20, 2009 concerning the above described Notification of Commitment Adjustment.

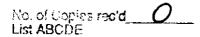
Background:

On June 18, 2009 Thomas Edelblute, the City of Anaheim Public Library Public Access Systems Coordinator sent a letter to the FCC as notice that the Anaheim Public Library intended to file an Amendment to its May 20, 2009 Letter of Appeal within 90 days. The Library's Amendment is based on new information discovered after meeting with USAC representatives Andrew Eisley and David Lenard.

On June 10, 2009, USAC representatives Andrew Eisley and David Lenard visited the Anaheim Public Library to discuss the Library's current E-rate history and recommend practices that would ensure successful E-rate applications in the future. At this meeting, Mr. Eisley and Mr. Lenard reviewed our May 20, 2009 Letter of Appeal to the FCC. They recommended that the Library file an Amendment to the Letter of Appeal to elaborate upon the circumstances under which the instances of noncompliance cited in the auditor's findings occurred and submit any supporting documentation as evidence of good faith, especially as it pertained to the Library's 2005 Technology Plan.

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Amendment to Appeal and Request for Review:

The Amendment concerns the USAC Adjustment Letter which corresponds to Auditors findings and the City Library's responses thereto.

This Amendment provides affidavits and supporting documentation concerning the following:

Auditors Finding SL2007BE082 F01:

"[T]he technology plan for this entity was not approved at the time of submission of the Form 486."

and

Auditors Finding SL2007BE082_F03:

"The Library installed equipment purchased under the Schools and Libraries program after the cut-off date for Priority 2 services". The applicant did not timely file for a service delivery extension.

The Anaheim Public Library's Amendment as to the first finding provides affidavits and supporting documents which further support the Anaheim Library's initial explanation and response that it submitted a technology plan before submitting its form 470 and had every reason to believe that its Technology Plan was in accord with the State Library's approval standards and had been approved by the State when the Anaheim Library submitted its form 486.

Thus, the substantive requirement that the Library obtain and use the program funds in accord with the State Library's standards was adhered to and any noncompliance by the Library was more in the realm of a procedural defect.

The Library's Amendment as to the second finding provides affidavits and documentation which reflect that the auditor's finding was premised on erroneous information that was inadvertently given to the Auditor and should be corrected.

The enclosed submission lends further credence and support for the Library's good faith position that the Anaheim Public Library did not commit any waste, fraud or abuse in the course of any of the noted deficiencies. All of the disbursed funds have been properly allocated to provide the services identified in the grant applications and the 2005 Technology Plan.

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The enclosed Amendment consists of The Index of Attachments/Exhibits to this Amendment to the Appeal, the May 20, 2009 Letter of Appeal/Request for Review, affidavits from Anaheim Public Library staff as well as from the California State Library and supporting documentation, including the Anaheim Library's 2005 Technology Plan. We believe that the enclosed affidavits and documentation provide a more detailed explanation concerning Findings #1 and #2 and strong support for the Anaheim Library's request that it be permitted to retain the disbursed funds.

The Anaheim Public Library respectfully requests that the FCC waive its relevant rules in these matters, particularly where, as here, the compliance issues tend to be more procedural in nature. As the FCC has noted in the Bishop Perry Order (21 FCC Rcd 5316), strict adherence to such procedures does not always promote e-rate program goals. On balance, permitting the Anaheim Public Library to retain the funds is more likely to ensure that the public interest in the delivery of advanced telecommunications services to its expanding population will continue to be served.

Thank you for your consideration of our Amendment to the original May 20, 2009 Letter of Appeal/Request for Review.

For any questions regarding the attached documentation please contact: Thomas Edelblute, Public Access Systems Coordinator Anaheim Public Library 500 West Broadway Anaheim CA 92805

Phone: 714-765-1759, Facsimile: 714-765-1730

e-mail: tedelblute@anaheim.net

Carl Stone

Sincerely,

Carol Stone City Librarian

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INDEX OF ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS

RE: AUDITORS FINDING SL2007BE082 F01

"THE TECHNOLOGY PLAN FOR THIS ENTITY WAS NOT APPROVED AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF THE FORM 486."

- 1. AFFIDAVIT OF THOMAS EDELBLUTE
- 2. COPY OF THE ANAHEIM TECHNOLOGY PLAN
- 3. AFFIDAVIT OF RUSHTON BRANDIS
- 4. AFFIDAVIT OF THERESA GOGGIN

RE: AUDITORS FINDING SL2007BE082 F03

"THE LIBRARY INSTALLED EQUIPMENT PURCHASED UNDER THE SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES PROGRAM AFTER THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR PRIORITY 2 SERVICES. THE APPLICANT DID NOT TIMELY FILE FOR A SERVICE DELIVERY EXTENSION."

- 5. AFFIDAVIT OF KAREN GERTH
- 6. EDS MONTH END REPORT PAGE 4 OF 13
- 7. EDS COMPUTER SCREEN SHOT
- 8. E-MAIL FROM DANIEL VILLALOBOS, OF D4 SOLUTIONS RE: DATE FIBER WAS PULLED TO THE SWITCHES
- 9. MAY 20, 2009 LETTER OF APPEAL/REQUEST FOR REVIEW

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Billed Entity Number: 143737

- I, Thomas Edelblute, declare the following facts to be within my own personal knowledge:
 - 1. I have been employed by the Anaheim Community Services

 Department Library Division since December 28, 1998 as
 the Reference and Technology Librarian. On February
 2, 2001 I was promoted to Library Public Access

 Systems Coordinator, which is the position I currently
 hold.
 - During the Summer of 2005, I worked with Library Management to create a three year technology plan for the Anaheim Public Library. My participation in this project included submission of the Technology Plan to the California State Library as the Library's official Technology Plan, in compliance with e-rate eligibility requirements.
 - On or about August 31, 2005 I caused the Library's Official Technology Plan document to be submitted to the California State Library when I instructed Theresa Goggin, the senior secretary at that time, to have Carol Stone, the City Librarian, sign the final version of the document for the California State Library, make copies of the signed document for her files and mine and to send two copies of the Technology Plan to the California State Library. A

copy of the technology plan that was mailed by Ms.

Goggin under my direction on or about August 31, 2005
is attached hereto as Exhibit 2 to this Amendment to
the May 20, 2009 Letter of Appeal/Request for Review.

- 4. At all times I have held a good faith belief that Ms.

 Goggin complied with my instructions and that she
 indeed mailed the 2005 Technology Plan to the State
 Library. This is the same practice we have followed at
 the library for other documents of this nature.
- 5. Ms. Goggin had demonstrated more than average competence in executing these duties as assigned.
- 6. I have maintained a copy of the signed 2005 Library
 Technology Plan in my files since I caused it to be
 submitted to the California State Library on August
 31, 2005.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of California that the foregoing facts are true and correct and that I could and would testify to those facts in court.

Signed this $\frac{\cancel{/}\cancel{q}}{}$ day of July , 2009 at [Anaheim], California

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DECLARANT, Thomas Edelblute, Public Access Systems Coordinator

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THREE YEAR LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY PLAN FOR THE E-RATE PROGRAM Instructions

Eligibility

Public, school and special libraries in California are eligible for the Federal E-Rate program if they meet the eligibility requirements for the Library Services and Technology (LSTA) grant program administered in California by the State Librarian.

These are:

- A written explicit mission statement and service objectives.
- A fixed location in California.
- Established hours of service.
- An organized collection of information and materials accessible for use by its primary clientele.
- Designated, onsite, paid staff for library services. At least one staff person shall have a
 master's degree in library or information science or a California library media teacher
 credential issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing
- · An established funding base.

Applicants for the E-Rate program must meet these requirements. Your authorized signature in the application signifies that you meet all the above criteria. Please contact Rushton Brandis (916) 653-5471, or rbrandis@library.ca.gov for any questions about eligibility.

Application Form

Complete all information for all sections. Space may be added as needed. Submit two copies, one with original signature, by mail or delivery service only (no fax)

Return to:

Rushton Brandis/Library Technology Plans

Library Development Services

California State Library

P.O. Box 942837

Sacramento, CA 94237-0001

Forms sent via express delivery should come to: 900 N Street, Room 500, Sacramento, CA 95814



USAC Schools and Libraries Division Policies and Procedures for Technology Plans

(See: http://www.sl.universalservice.org/apply/step2.asp for complete text and additional information)

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), recognized the necessity of thoughtful preparations for the use of these new technologies when they stipulated that requests for Universal Service Program discounts must be based on an approved technology plan [Section 254(h)(1)(B), of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and FCC Order 97-157, Paragraph 573]. To ensure that schools and libraries are prepared to use the requested services effectively, and to make certain that students and community members experience the real benefits of the Universal Service Program, applicants must certify that their requests are based on approved technology plans that include provisions for integrating telecommunication services and Internet access into their educational program or library services. Most schools and libraries have already developed such plans and may only need to modify these existing plans slightly to conform with E-rate program technology plan criteria.

To qualify as an approved Technology Plan for a Universal Service discount, the plan must meet the following five criteria that are core elements of successful school and library technology initiatives:

- 1. The plan must establish clear goals and a realistic strategy for using telecommunications and information technology to improve education or library services;
- 2. The plan must have a professional development strategy to ensure that staff know how to use these new technologies to improve education or library services;
- 3. The plan must include an assessment of the telecommunication services, hardware, software, and other services that will be needed to improve education or library services;
- 4. The plan must provide for a sufficient budget to acquire and support the non-discounted elements of the plan: the hardware, software, professional development, and other services that will be needed to implement the strategy; and
- 5. The plan must include an evaluation process that enables the school or library to monitor progress toward the specified goals and make mid-course corrections in response to new developments and opportunities as they arise.

Successful plans align these five criteria with the overall education or library service improvement objectives of states, districts, and local schools or libraries. It is critical that technology planning not be viewed or treated as a separate exercise dealing primarily with hardware and telecommunications infrastructure. There must be strong connections between the proposed physical infrastructure of the information technology and the plan for professional development, curriculum reform, and library service improvements.

THREE YEAR LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY PLAN FOR THE E-RATE PROGRAM

Date: <u>August 31, 200</u>	<u>05</u>
Library Jurisdiction:	City of Anaheim
Address:	500 West Broadway,
	Anaheim, CA 92805
Authorized Signature:	Land Stone
Please Print Name:	Carol Stone
Title: <u>City Librarian</u>	1
Telephone: (714) 765	-1810 FAX: <u>(714)</u> 765-1730
E-Mail: <u>cstone@</u> anah	eim.net

1. LIBRARY MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS

The Anaheim Public Library Mission Statement reads as follows:

To promote literacy, support learning, foster community, and enhance quality of life for a diverse population.

2. CURRENT TECHNOLOGY OVERVIEW

Summarize the current use of technology to accomplish the library's mission and goals.

The Anaheim Public Library has approximately 300 computing devices over four locations plus a mobile bookmobile, with a second bookmobile and two more branches coming on line within the next 12-months. These devices include servers, switches, staff computers, and public access computers. The public access computers are divided into four distinct functional units: (1) Internet access with word processing, (2) library catalog and subscription databases, (3) Microsoft Office and other productivity software without Internet, and (4) children's educational software. In the computer lab, introduction to the Internet, introductory word processing and e-mail classes are offered monthly to the public in English and Spanish.

Have you done a Technology Inventory / Assessment in the past year? X Yes

Budget Summary

Use the following budget summary or insert/attach your own budget summary if available. Be certain to identify those costs dependent on the E-rate program and those paid from local or other funds.

A. Estimated current annual cost \$578,297.00	
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B. Estimated one-time cost of additions \$260,000.00	
C. Estimated annual cost, with additions \$828,297.00	
D. Estimated annual costs (C.) dependent on E-rate \$239,197.20	
E. Estimated annual costs (C.) dependent on local funds \$599,099.80	

TECHNOLOGY PLAN

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Briefly describe your strategy for using information technologies to integrate, support or extend services and/or to assure an efficiently and effectively managed organization in the future.

Over the next three to five years, the Anaheim Public Library's technology plan includes:

- Building computer homework centers in all locations for all educational levels.
- Networked software to all locations.
- Creating video conferencing capabilities at the Haskett branch library.
- Connecting of all library facilities to fiber optic cable.
- Working with the City to include Voice over IP telephony at all locations.
- Creating a video production lab for school projects.
- Installing a storage server to broadcast library story time to the schools over the Internet.
- Replacing outdated network equipment to upgrade network infrastructure.
- Expanding download options for public.
- Improving Bookmobile connectivity with City wireless.
- Expanding public wireless to all branch facilities.

4. TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Describe the telephone and data services you have and that you will need over the next 3-5 years.

The City of Anaheim has a mixture of digital and analog phone lines. Over the next two years, the City will replace this mixture with a Voice over IP (VoIP) telephone network. All Anaheim Library facilities are included in the plan for upgrading the telephone infrastructure to this VoIP system.

A conference room with Video Conferencing is planned for the Haskett library that's scheduled to open in the Spring of 2006. Since we plan to make these services available for public rental, it has not been decided if ISDN lines will be used or if it will utilize the City's Internet connection for an IP based video conferencing system.

5. HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE PRODUCTS

Describe the telecommunications hardware and software you have and that you will need over the next 3-5 years.

- All outdated networking hardware needs to be replaced to upgrade the network, because the existing set of routing equipment is no longer supported by the vendor.
- High speed data cable needs to be installed during all renovation and expansion projects.
- At this time, Central library is the only facility connected to the City's fiber optic cable network. The Library Automation Team is working with Public Utilities to connect all remaining locations.
- New network connectivity hardware and software is required for the fiber optic cable connections.
- New telephone equipment and software is required for the implementation and management of Voice over IP telephony.

6. NETWORK CONNECTIONS AND INTERNET SERVICES

Describe the status of network connectivity (LAN/WAN) that you have and that you will need over the next 3-5 years. Describe your current level of Internet service and what you will need over the next 3-5 years.

The Local Area Network connectivity contains category 5 or 6 data cable in all buildings. As of 2004, all data installations are category 6 cable. The library is also planning to use category 6 cable for the VoIP telephone equipment.

For the Wide Are Network connectivity, all branch libraries connect to the City using T-I lines, with the Central Library providing access to the City via fiber optic cable. It is part of the City's plan to connect all locations with fiber optic cable making the T-I line expense unnecessary.

The library provides Internet service through the City's Information Technology department. At present this is a 10 Mbps connection from City Hall to the ISP. The City plans to upgrade this connection to 100 Mbps.

7. STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Describe the level of staff development you have and that you will need over the next 3-5 years.

Training for new technologies is written into the purchase agreements and contracts with the vendors. In addition, library staff members attend training available at local library conferences and webcasts available over the Internet. In the future, additional training may become available via video conferencing. The automation on team provides training to library staff as needed when upgrades occur.

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Describe the level of staff and/or vendor support for technology you have and that you will need over the next 3-5 years.

The Library Services Manager oversees the Library Automation Team. The staffing of that Automation Team includes:

- One member of the City of Anaheim networking and server teams. This person utilizes additional support from the City of Anaheim IT department.
- One Public Access Systems Coordinator. This person is a librarian with multiple computer certifications and regularly addresses client/server issues. For additional resources he has access to library technology lists and library publications.
- Two part time System Specialists who field the bulk of the daily problems at all locations. An additional System Specialist may be hired if/when the library expands from a six day/week operation to a seven day/week operation.

In addition, the library maintains a collection of support contracts for hardware and software on major systems. Funding for the bulleted positions and the contracts is included in line A of the Total Estimated Costs section of this report.

PLAN REVIEW AND UPDATING

Describe the process for reviewing and updating your technology plan on a periodic basis.

During the fiscal year, the Library Services Manager and Public Access Systems Coordinator keeps a task list of all action projects to make sure tasks stay on track. Other items are added to the list just so they are not forgotten about, and can be acted upon when the appropriate time comes.

The library automation team and library management review the technology needs each year during the budgeting planning for the following fiscal year. This helps ensure that important items are included in the annual budget.

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Affidavit of Rushton Brandis

I, Rushton Brandis, declare the following to be true based on my own knowledge and belief:

- 1. I have worked as a Programs Consultant for the California State Library since June 10, 2002;
- 2. I have been the E-Rate coordinator for the California State Library responsible for certifying E-Rate technology plans prepared and submitted by public library jurisdictions to the California State Library since December, 2002;
- 3. The California State Library did not receive an E-Rate technology plan from the Anaheim Public Library in 2005;
- 4. On February 7, 2008, Mr. Thomas Edelblute of the Anaheim Public Library provided me with a copy of an E-Rate technology plan from the Anaheim Public Library dated 2005;
- 5. On February 7, 2008, I informed Mr. Edelblute that the E-Rate technology plan dated 2005 that he provided to me on February 7, 2008, met the requirements of an E-Rate technology plan, and that had the plan been submitted in a timely fashion in 2005, it would have been certified by the California State Library.

I, Rushton Brandis, declare under penalty of perjury according to the laws of the State of California that the foregoing facts are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

By:

Date: August 5, 2009

At: Sacramento, California

Rushton Brandis

Programs Consultant

California State Library

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I Theresa Goggin, declare the following facts to be within my own personal knowledge:

- 1. I was employed by the Anaheim Community Services

 Department Library Division as Senior Secretary for the Anaheim

 Public Library from October 31, 1997 to June 28, 2007.
- 2. On or about August 31, 2005 as part of my ordinary duties during my employment as senior secretary I mailed the 2005 Technology Plan which is attached here to as Exhibit A, to the California State Library.
- 3. During my tenure there as senior secretary, it was the Library Division's standard practice for mailing items via the U.S. Postal Service to place the mail in the Library Division's outgoing postal mailbox on the date it was processed (signed, copied, and put into an envelope to the addressee). This mail is picked up by a contracted delivery service for the City of Anaheim, usually on the following day. The mail is then taken and posted in the mail room of City Hall and picked up by the U.S. Postal Service at the end of each day that it is picked up.
- 4. After I mailed the Technology plan to the State Library, I subsequently placed a copy of the 2005 Technology Plan in the Senior Secretary's Office files in Administration.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of California that the foregoing facts are true and correct and that I could and would testify to those facts in court.

Signed this 39 day of July, 2009 at [Anaheim], California

DECLARANT, There & Goggin

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- I, Karen Gerth, declare the following facts to be within my own personal knowledge:
- 1. I have been employed by the Anaheim Community Services
 Department Library Division since March 2004 as the User
 Support Services Manager. My job responsibilities include
 managing the Library's Automation and Technology work unit.
- 2. In February of 2008, auditors from Moss-Adams, LLP conducted an audit for USAC of e-rate funds received by the Library as reimbursement for hardware purchased and installed at the Central Library in 2007.
- 3. Library's Automation and Technology staff provided information which, I am informed and believe, included erroneous dates to the auditors regarding hardware installation. Based on this erroneous information, the auditors reported to USAC that the Library was not in compliance because the hardware was not installed by September 30th of the relevant funding year (2007) and the Library failed to request an extension.
- 4. In response to the 2008 audit findings, the Library conceded that it had not requested an extension, believing



that an extension was not necessary, since the installation was not funded with erate monies nor was the hardware vendor responsible for installation. Moreover, the Library responded that it was suddenly subjected to a three week evacuation of its premises in late August 2007 which prevented entry into the building and delayed the hardware installation.

- 5. These facts were reiterated and expounded upon in the Library's April 1, 2009 appeal of the USAC's findings and the recovery of funds letter the Library received on February 4, 2009.
- 6. I have subsequently been informed and now believe that the auditor's findings and thus USAC's determination is based on erroneous information for the following reasons:
- 7. I began my own research into the Central Library construction project and the dates and timing surrounding the Library's installation of the hardware, upon the recommendation of USAC staff members Andrew Eisley and David Lenard, on June 10, 2009 that the Anaheim Library file an amendment to its May 20, 2009 appeal. I learned that the hardware was, in fact, installed prior to

September 30, 2007, of the relevant funding year, thus the Library did not need to file an extension.

- 8. I obtained this information from documents and technical information given to the Library from the City of Anaheim's IT Contractor, EDS, who installed the hardware, and from D4 Solutions, the outside vendor that installed the fiber connecting the hardware switches in the Central Library.
- 9. The hardware installation dates erroneously given to the auditors in February 2008 by the Library Automation and Technology staff were obtained from the switches using the 'System Up time' information internally stored on the hardware. I learned from EDS that reliance on this data to identify installation dates was an error, as this date is automatically changed whenever a switch is restarted as a result of maintenance or having made modifications to the switch's configuration.
- 10. At my request, EDS researched the archived Month End Reports that it produced during the summer of 2007. On the fourth page of its thirteen page report for June 2007, under Network Team Accomplishments, excerpted and attached hereto as Exhibit #6, the installation of the N5 hardware

at the Main library is listed as a team accomplishment.

This report's June 2007 creation date is listed on a screen shot of the folder contents for 2007 Month End Reports attached hereto as Exhibit #7.

- 11. I confirmed that the switches were installed prior to September 30, 2007, through D4 Solutions, the vendor who pulled the fiber used to connect the N5 switches inside the library. They started the fiber installation on 8-21-07(Friday) and completed it on 8-24-07(Monday). D4 Solutions has verified this via email attached hereto as Exhibit #8.
- 12. It is my belief that the dates that the Library provided to the auditors February 4, 2008 were not the dates that the switches were installed, but rather the dates that the switches were worked on to incorporate additional/upgraded equipment and/or network connections in the library after September 30, 2007 and that no extension was necessary because the hardware was already installed before the September 30, 2007 deadline.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of California that the foregoing facts are true and correct and that I could and would testify to those facts in court. Signed this 3 day of August, 2009 at [Anaheim], California.

DECLARANT, Karen R. Gerth, User Support Services Manager

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